Prosecutions launched by the Government under various Labour Legislations.

Q.—21. **Sri S. RAJAGOPAL** (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of prosecutions launched by the Government for violation of (i) the Factories Act, (ii) Payment of Wages Act, (iii) the Minimum Wages Act, (iv) the Shops and Establishments Act, (v) Awards of Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals, (vi) Agreements and Settlements under section 12 of the Industrial Disputes Act;

(*b*) the number of complaints received by the Labour Department or the Government in respect of the said violations referred to above (information may be furnished year-wise since 1-11-1956)?

A.—**Sri D. DEVARAJ URS** (Minister for Labour, Housing and Transport).—

(*a*) and (*b*) The information is furnished in the statement given below.

Statement showing number of prosecutions launched, and the number of complaints received under the various Labour Legislations for the year 1956-57 to 1961-62.

	1956—57 from 1-11-1956	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
(*a*) No. of prosecutions launched for violation of:—						
1 Factories Act ...	15	31	7	108	55	21
2 Payment of Wages Act ...	...	...	...	18	3	22
3 Minimum Wages Act ...	...	1	6	16	110	5
4 Shops and Establishments Act.	245	536	595	594	587	828
5 Awards of Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals.	...	...	...	...	..	...
6 Agreements and Settlements under Industrial Disputes Act.						
(*b*) No. of complaints received in respect of violation of—						
1 Factories Act ...	70	166	152	196	106	60
2 Payment of Wages Act ...	...	10	14	38	72	75
3 Minimum Wages Act ...	...	...	5	6	..	...
4 Shops and Establishments Act.	134	281	377	489	556	1,009
5 Awards of Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals.	...	...	...	...	27	24*
6 Agreements and Settlements under the Industrial Disputes Act.	...	...	...	...	28	55

**Note*:—The Evaluation and Implementation Section started functioning from March 1960 only and the complaints filed from that date upto end of March 1962 are furnished.

No prosecutions were launched for violation of Awards, Agreements and Settlements, as in a majority of cases, settlement was brought out by persuasion. In three cases, show cause notices were issued and they are being pursued.

Prosecutions are launched both in respect of complaints verified to be true after enquiry as well as infringements of law which come to the notice of Inspectors and other officers during surprise inspections. Therefore the total number of prosecutions launched bear no relation to the number of complaints received.